HCS HBs 404 & 614 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS
(Conway (104))

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This substitute specifies that, for workers' compensation purposes,
psychological stress may be recognized as an occupational disease
for paid peace officers of a police department who are certified
under Chapter 590, RSMo, if a direct causal relationship is
established.

The substitute also revises the definition of "killed in the line
of duty" as it applies to the Line of Duty Compensation Act to
include when any law enforcement officer, emergency medical
technician, air ambulance pilot or registered professional nurse,
paramedic, or firefighter loses his or her life as a result of an
injury received in the active performance of duties, if the death
occurs as a natural and probable consequence of the injury or
disease caused by the accident or violence of another within 300
weeks from the date the injury was received and if that injury
arose from violence of another or accidental cause subject to these
provisions but excludes death resulting from the willful misconduct
or intoxication of the law enforcement officer, emergency medical
technician, air ambulance pilot or registered professional nurse,
paramedic, or firefighter. For these individuals, the death must
be caused as a result of a willful act of violence committed by
another person and a relationship exists between the commission of
the act and the individual's performance of his or her duties
regardless of whether the injury is received while on duty; or the
injury is received by an individual while traveling to or from his
or her employment or during any break which takes place during the
period in which he or she is on duty; or, for a law enforcement
officer, the injury is received while attempting to prevent the
commission of a criminal act of another person or attempting to
apprehend an individual suspected of committing a crime regardless
of whether the injury is received while on duty